



PATENT

Client-Matter No.: 66872-017  
(P-AR 4803)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of ) Confirmation No: 7269  
Steward et al. )  
 ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
Serial No.: 09/942,024 )  
 ) Examiner: K. Shahnan Shah  
Filed: August 28, 2001 )  
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For: FRET PROTEASE ASSAYS )  
FOR BOTULINUM SEROTYPE A/E )  
TOXINS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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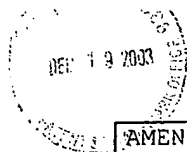
Responsive to the Office Action mailed  
September 23, 2003, entry of the following amendments and  
consideration of the following remarks are respectfully  
requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4.

Remarks being on page 8.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER		CLIENT-MATTER NO.: 66872-017 (P-AR 4803)	
SERIAL NO: 09/942,024	FILING DATE: August 28, 2001	EXAMINER: K. Shahnan Shah	GROUP ART UNIT: 1645 CONFIRMATION NO.: 7269
INVENTION: FRET PROTEASE ASSAYS FOR BOTULINUM SEROTYPE A/E TOXINS			

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Transmitted herewith is a response, with attached Exhibit A, B, and C, to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, in the above-identified application.

\_\_\_ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27.

\_\_\_ Request for an extension of time (in duplicate).

X No additional claims fee is required.

\_\_\_ An additional claims fee is required and has been calculated as shown below:

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							SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY
TOTAL CLAIMS	19	-	72	-	0	x	\$9	\$18	=	\$	\$
INDEPEN- DENT CLAIMS	1	-	3	-	0	x	\$42	\$84	=	\$	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM											
			_____ YES		_____ X _____ NO		\$140	\$280	=	\$	\$
							TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE			\$0	\$

\* If the "HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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\_\_\_\_ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 502624 the amount of \$0.00 which covers the fee for an extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502624. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 502624 any fees under 37 CFR 1.17 which may be required under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

December 19, 2003

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